



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO CONDUCT A TRAFFIC STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC, SPEEDING AND PEDESTRIAN/BICYCLIST SAFETY CONCERNS WITHIN THE LILIHA/NUUANU TRANSPORTATION CORRIDORS.

WHEREAS, Honolulu's citizens and businesses rely on a viable roadway system for mobility and economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Data Book found that in 2011, Honolulu commuters daily traveled 3,148,000 vehicle-miles on the City's arterial streets; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii Data Book also found that the estimated total cost of roadway congestion for the Honolulu urbanized area in 2011 was \$427 million or \$928 per peak auto commuter; and

WHEREAS, the Liliha/Nuuanu transportation corridors serve as major thoroughfares for out-of-district traffic coming from the Windward, Leeward, Central and East Honolulu parts of the island, as well as the immediate surrounding neighborhoods of Downtown/Chinatown, which creates a dangerous environment for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians alike; and

WHEREAS, significant traffic attractors and generators in the vicinity include Kamehameha Schools Kapalama Campus, Farrington High School, Honolulu Community College, Damien Memorial School, the Bishop Museum, and entrances to and exits from the Likelike and Pali Highways and the H-1 Freeway; and

WHEREAS, the Liliha/Nuuanu transportation corridors are bounded by and include North School Street, Nuuanu Avenue, Wyllie Street, and Liliha Street; and

WHEREAS, pedestrian safety in the Liliha/Nuuanu transportation corridors is a major concern for area residents, for Neighborhood Boards #12 and #14, and for businesses, healthcare institutions, elderly care facilities, and schools in the Liliha/Nuuanu areas; and

WHEREAS, the Liliha/Nuuanu transportation corridors are known to be hazardous for pedestrians, bicyclists, and motorists alike; and

WHEREAS, there have been serious pedestrian crashes and fatalities within the Liliha-Nuuanu transportation corridors within the last five years, including but not limited to a pedestrian injury in a marked crosswalk at Liliha Street/Ekekela Place on May 31, 2013, a bicyclist fatality at the intersection of Nuuanu Avenue/Judd Street on February



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1, 2015, and a pedestrian accident at the intersection of North Kuakini Street/Bachelot Street on June 1, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation Services (DTS) and its "Complete Streets" contractors have conducted walking "audits" of the Nuuanu/Liliha transportation corridors during the period between December of 2013 and June of 2015; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Department of Transportation Services is requested to conduct a traffic study to address traffic congestion, speeding and related pedestrian/bicyclist safety concerns within the Liliha/Nuuanu transportation corridors, and provide recommendations on potential solutions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DTS is requested to submit the results of its traffic safety study and recommendations, including a timetable for implementation of specific actions, by October 31, 2015; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation Services, the Mayor, the Managing Director and Neighborhood Boards #12 and #14.

INTRODUCED BY:



DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

JUL 16 2015

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers